

## SAVE THE DATES

### NYSATA Award

Nominations Open  
Sept 1 - Nov 1, 2024

NY AT Recognition Week  
TBD - Fall 2024

### NYSATA Conference

#### Proposals Due

January 1, 2025

### EATA Convention

January 10 - 13, 2025

Loews, Philadelphia, PA

### NYSATA Conference

July 25 - 26, 2025

Hofstra University

Uniondale, NY

Upcoming COPE tentatively  
scheduled presentations:

Syracuse - August

Oneida - September  
(Virtual)

Middletown - October  
(Tentative)

Erie/Chautauqua County -  
November  
(Virtual)

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## SUMMER 2024

# NEW YORK STATE NYSATA ATHLETIC TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION

## THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT



CARRIE BURKE

I hope this newsletter finds you well and you are all enjoying your summer. Hard to believe that it is almost half over! It has been a busy last few months for us here in NYS, and we are excited for even more to come. Our Executive and Leadership Committees continue to meet quarterly, with our Executive Board looking to meet monthly. Please be sure to reach out to the members of the [Executive Board and/or your region representatives](#) with any questions or concerns.

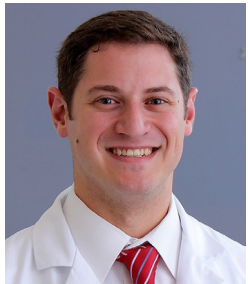
If you have ideas for NYS Athletic Training Recognition Week in the fall, we would love to hear them and are also looking for help with planning and execution. Our PR team is growing and we are excited by and asking for continued involvement! Any member is welcome to submit content using the [NYSATA PR Submissions](#) link on our website.

Thank you to the Governmental Affairs Committee for all of their hard work with scheduling our 2024 NYSATA Lobby Day on May 21. We had attendance from members throughout the state, including some new attendees. We were able to meet with multiple assembly members and senators. We also had two legislators bring up legislation that they would like us to be involved in or have input on. We continue to work on several bills that are Athletic Trainer related, including the traveling athletic trainers bill to allow outside ATs to work with their respective organizations while in NYS once licensure takes effect at the end of 2025. There has also been continued work with the legislature regarding the process of moving into licensure and what that will entail with regards to continuing education requirements and submission. Please reach out to [our Governmental Affairs Chairs](#) with any questions or concerns, or see the [FAQ page](#) on the website.

Thank you to the Conference Committee and many others for their planning of the 2024 NYSATA conference that was held at the Sonesta White Plains June 14-15. We were able to have several productive planning meetings as an Executive and Leadership Committee in addition to a COPE planning and brainstorming meeting. We also had many wonderful lectures as well as social events for the

over 50 in person attendees of the conference. There were a large number of vendors represented as well. We are looking forward to planning the conference to move around the state over the next five years, with the dates for the 2025 NYSATA conference confirmed to be hosted by Hofstra University on Long Island July 25-26, 2025. Please reach out to the [conference committee](#) if you are interested in being involved in the planning for 2025 and beyond! Conference 2024 attendees, please note that the surveys should be coming out in the next couple of weeks.

Welcome to the newly elected members of the Executive Committee, including Christopher Napoli - President Elect, Kevin Joyce - Region 5 representative, Phil Steckley - Region 6 representative and Cleon Clayton - Region 7 representative. Missy Wilson was re-elected to Secretary and Jason Pachter was re-elected to Region 4 representative. Please reach out if you are interested in getting more involved with NYSATA! Shawn McNamara was appointed to the Membership & Nominations chair.



### Conference & Program

Frank J. Alexander, MS, ATC - Chair

### 2025 NYSATA Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposia

The New York State Athletic Trainers' Association (NYSATA) Conference Committee is assembling the program for the 2025 NYSATA Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposia, to be held Friday July 25 through Saturday July 26, 2025, at Hofstra University, in Uniondale, New York.

The NYSATA Conference Committee is dedicated to the development of an education program designed to serve and advance the needs of our membership. We are committed to providing education and professional experiences that expand the diverse skill and knowledge sets utilized daily by Athletic Trainers.

We welcome proposal submissions from NYSATA members and non-members for the following program formats:

**General Lecture:** 10, 15, 20 minute presentations (on original research, case study, clinical practice update, or critically appraised topic).

**Panel Discussions/Round Table:** 30 - 60 minutes

**Workshops:** 1 or 2 hour interactive format with half lecture, half lab.

Proposals for consideration are accepted [via email](#) or [online e-form](#).

**ALL PROPOSALS ARE DUE FOR REVIEW BY JANUARY 1, 2025!**

*Future NYSATA Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposia locations:*

2026- Region 6

2027- Region 4

2028- Region 5

2029- Region 7



## Governmental Affairs Report

Aimee Brunelle, MS, ATC and Deanna Errico, PT, DPT, ATC  
Co-Chairs



Your governmental affairs co-chairs met with New York State Education Department (NYSED) Athletic Training Board Executive Secretary, Stephen Boese on July 3. The agenda included discussing the drafted rules and regulations being created to complement our licensure bill. NYSED compiled a committee to help write up specific principles and guidelines that will help the AT board to decipher answers to questions asked of them, or when a complaint may be filed against an individual AT. NYSATA GA provided feedback.

A reminder that our licensure enactment is two years after the Governor signed our bill. We will not officially be licensed until December, 2025, and all ATs already certified via NYSED will be grandparented to a licensed NYSED professional.

The AT traveling bill ([See more in Karin Spencer's report](#)) passed the Senate in May but never moved out of committee on the Assembly side. Passing this bill is imperative to allow those

ATs traveling with their teams, troupes, athletes, across the border to be able to treat them during their short visit to NYS. The bill will be introduced again in January, 2025.

The CPR bill will require CPR and AED training for those coaching youth sports. NYSATA has given input on this bill and are now championing it. This bill will be reintroduced in January, 2025.

You may be familiar with the concept of an "[AT interstate compact](#)". The BOC invited ATs and their legislators to attend a virtual meeting to explain. All states would pass legislation to allow an AT licensed in one state to more easily get licensed in another state. This is in the early stages of discussion (legislative language is still being developed) and if it were to pass in NYS, it would not replace the AT traveling bill. NYSATA GA will closely follow any developments.

A reminder that NATA updated their [Emergency Action Plan position statement](#) in June. ATs should be updating their EAPs to meet the 25 steps in the provided *EAP Checklist* and if you need a real overhaul, an *EAP template* can be found (with other materials) on the [primary author's webpage](#).

COPE (Concussion Outreach Prevention & Education). NYSATA received this grant again, and COPE events are being scheduled for the fall. If you are interested in hosting an event or being more involved, please [contact Aimee Brunelle and Deanna Errico](#).

Upcoming COPE tentatively scheduled presentations:

- Syracuse – August
- Oneida – (Virtual) September
- Middletown – October (tentative)
- Erie/Chautauqua County (Virtual) – November
- Albany (Virtual) – January
- Long Island (Hofstra) (Hybrid) – March
- Irondequoit – TBD
- Horseheads - TBD



## NYSATA Legislative Update

Karin Carreau, Carreau Consulting

The regular 2024 Legislative Session is in the books and the end came with the typical frenzy and last-minute negotiations between the Governor, legislators and staff working to achieve agreement on priorities before time ran out. For context, between the number of bills passed by both houses between January 1 and May 29, 2024 was 235, but characteristic of the end of session, more than double that number (489) passed both houses in the final week. Late passage of the state budget, coupled with their regularly scheduled spring break, made for an extremely truncated end of session, leaving only six weeks to consider a range of non-fiscal issues. As a result, many issues were left on the cutting room floor to be taken up next year.

Governor Hochul made a strong push in the final weeks of the session to protect youth from the harms of social media with The Stop Addictive Feeds Exploitation (SAFE) for Kids and The New York Child Data Protection Act, which the Legislature passed. Other more controversial bills such as medical aid in dying, several environmental initiatives, health care and scope of practice bills did not advance despite fervent pushing in the final hours of the session. Legislators now head home to campaign for re-election ahead of the primary and general election cycle. Though the legislature will likely return at some point over the summer to address the gaping \$1 billion budget hole left in the MTA's budget when the Governor announced the initiative would not take effect on June 30, 2024 as planned, but instead be put on pause.

The end of session also marks the end of the era for thirteen legislators retiring/not running for re-election including:

- Senator Neil Breslin (D), Chair of Senate Insurance Committee
- Senator John Mannion (D) – Running for Congress
- Senator Kevin Thomas (D)
- Senator Tim Kennedy (D) – Elected to Congress in April 30<sup>th</sup> special election
- Assemblymember Jeffrion Aubry (D), Assembly Speaker ProTempore
- Assemblymember Aileen Gunther (D), Chair of Mental Health Committee
- Assemblymember Helene Weinstein (D), Chair of Ways & Means Committee
- Assemblymember Danny O'Donnell (D)
- Assemblymember Fred Thiele (D)
- Assemblymember Kenneth Zebrowski (D)
- Assemblymember Andy Goodell (R)
- Assemblymember Marjorie Byrnes (R)
- Assemblymember Joseph Giglio (R)

2023, the start of the 2-year term of the Legislature through Saturday, June 8, 2024, 19,734 bills were introduced. From January 1, 2024, through June 8, 2024, the Senate passed 1,679 bills, while the Assembly passed 960 bills. Of the 805 bills that passed both houses this year: 117 have been signed into law, two have been vetoed, and 688 have not yet been delivered to the Governor. As a comparison, taking into account the same time period, 1,007 bills passed both houses in 2022, compared to 892 in 2021, 414 in 2020, 935 in 2019, 641 in 2018, 606 in 2017, 618 in 2016, 718 bills in 2015, 658 in 2014, and 650 in 2013.

### Bills of Interest to Athletic Trainers

- S9462-A (Ramos)/A1204-A (Zebrowski) – The bill authorizes occupational therapy assistants and physical therapist assistants to provide care under the Workers' Compensation Program. For occupational therapy assistants it would have to be under the direction of an occupational therapist. For physical therapist assistants it would have to be under the direction of a physical therapist. Records of treatment and progress would have to be maintained by a physical therapist or occupational therapist. If signed into law, the bill would take effect on the thirtieth day. **STATUS: The bill (A1204-A) passed both houses and is pending delivery to the Governor.**



- S1470 (Breslin)/A6345 (Weprin) – Provides that no policy of group accident, group health or group accident and health shall impose copayments for physical or occupational therapy greater than the copay for similar services provided by a physician. **STATUS: The bill (S1470) passed both houses and is pending delivery to the Governor. If enacted, it would take effect on the 180<sup>th</sup> day.**
- A1977-A (Fall)/S3184-A (Hoylman-Sigal) – The bills updating school concussion management and response protocols; increases concussion data collection and reporting. **STATUS: The Assembly bill was amended on May 9, 2024, and advanced to the Assembly Rules Committee but was not reconciled with the Senate bill before end of session. The Senate bill remained in the Senate Education Committee.**
- A8206 (Jones)/S7687-A (Stec) – The bill authorizes health care professionals, including athletic trainers, to perform services at the Ironman triathlon to be held on July 21, 2024, in Lake Placid, New York. **STATUS: The bill (A8206) passed both houses and is pending delivery to Governor.**
- A9766 (Chandler-Waterman)/S9004 (Serrano) – Extends authorization for certain health care professionals licensed to practice in other jurisdictions, including athletic trainers, to practice in this state in connection with an event sanctioned by the New York Road Runners. **STATUS: The bill (A9766) passed both houses and was delivered to the Governor.**
- A9013 (Solages)/S8707 (Bailey) – Permits certain licensed athletic trainers who are licensed to practice in another state or territory to provide athletic training services to athletes and team personnel at a discrete sanctioned team sporting event or performance in this state. **STATUS: The bill passed the Senate 58-0 and remained in the Assembly Higher Education Committee.**
- S8849-A (Bailey)/A4944-A (Santabarbara) – The bill requires CPR and AED training by youth league coaches and would provide current coaches have one year from the effective date of the law to receive such training. Further the bill provides that a person who is unable to complete training due to a physical disability may coach as long as a person who has completed a training is present at all times. **STATUS: The bill passed the Senate by a vote of 60-1 but was not reconciled with the Assembly bill before the end of the session.**
- A9331-B (Otis)/S8409-B (Mayer) – Requires nonpublic schools provide and maintain on-site automatic external defibrillator (AED) equipment on school grounds and assure that AED equipment is available for off-site curricular events, extracurricular events or school-sponsored athletic events. **STATUS: The bill passed the Senate but remained in the Assembly Ways & Means Committee.**
- S9463 (Murray)/NO SAME AS – Enacts Josh's law; requires training plans be approved annually prior to implementation in modified and high school football by either the PSLA or NYSPHSAA, whichever is applicable; requires certain information regarding injuries be reported that occur during such practices. **STATUS: The bill remained in the Senate Health Committee.**
- A6909 (Solages)/S1747 (Ramos) – Permits certain minors to be employed as a referee, umpire or official at a youth sporting event; limits a minor 12 or 13 years of age to one youth sporting event per week. **STATUS: The bill passed the Senate but remained in the Assembly Labor Committee.**

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## The NYSATA Newsletter

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## Regional Reps

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**Kristin LoNigro MEd, ATC**

Hofstra University

### Region 1 NYC

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**Erica Marciano, MS, ATC, CSCS**

### Region 2

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**David J Byrnes, MS, ATC**

Poughkeepsie, NY

### Region 3

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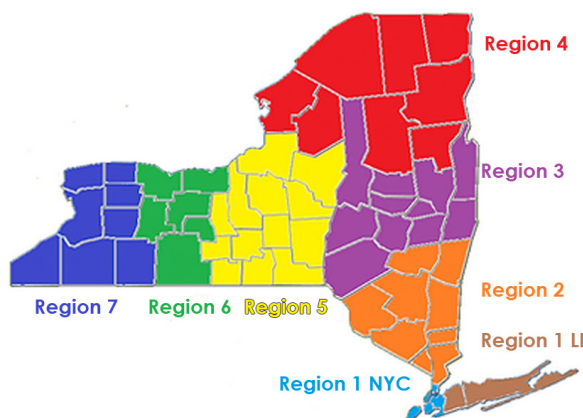
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Schenectady, Columbia, Washington,

Schoharie, Herkimer

**Dave Haverly, MS, ATC**

Quaker, Saratoga Springs, NY



### Region 5

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Cornell University

### Region 6

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**Phil Steckley MS, ATC, CSCS**

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Orleans, Cattaraugus, Genesee,

Wyoming, Erie, Niagara,

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### Region 4

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Hamilton, Clinton, Essex, Warren

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State University of Plattsburgh

## Regional Reports



### Region 1 LI

**Kristin LoNigro, MEd, ATC**

Region 1 LI has been working with the President-Elect, Chris Napoli in preparation for the 2025 Annual Symposium that will take place at Hofstra University in July, 2025.

Walter G. O'Connell Copiague High School will be hosting the Sports Emergency Medical Responder Course with Equipment, August 13-14, 2024. This course is a 50 CEU hybrid course that has an online component prior to the class and then 2 days of hands-on training. More information about this course is [available online](#). Use the [online form to register](#) and select the August 13-14, 2024 - Copiague High School, Long Island, NY. For more information [contact Sports EMR](#) or [Chris Napoli](#).

On June 26, 2024, Michele Mensch ATC was inducted into the Longwood School District Ring of Honor, presented by Lion Gridiron Club. Michele has been the AT there for 32 years. She is an Executive Board member of the Suffolk County Athletic Training Association. Congratulations Michele.



### Hofstra University

The Hofstra Athletic Training Program has been quite active this semester. We are thrilled to announce that our program has achieved accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE). The program graduated its initial cohort this May and welcomed in 8 new students to the program this summer. See additional pictures next page.







This spring, our students participated in an Interprofessional Education (IPE) event focused on tackling the opioid epidemic. Students from the Hofstra Physician Assistant (PA), Nursing, and Athletic Training (AT) programs received education and training on Narcan. They had the valuable opportunity to learn from Kenneth, a community advocate affiliated with Northwell, who shared real-life experiences.

Hofstra hosted a collaborative event with the New York State Athletic Trainers' Association (NYSATA) and the Brain Injury Association of New York State (BIANYS) called COPE. Dr. Russell Camhi, a physician from Northwell Health and team physician for Hofstra Athletics, along with Hofstra Assistant Professor Kristin LoNigro and Michelle Kellen from COPE, delivered presentations at this event. (see picture right)

Hofstra Athletic Training Society hosted the annual Olympics where students, faculty, alumni and preceptors compete for the gold medal. (see picture right)

Hofstra Faculty and alumni met up at the NYSATA conference held June 14th and 15th in White Plains Sonesta Hotel and the NATA in New Orleans. (see pictures below.)





We wish our best to recent grad, Amber Del Moral who was selected as one of the Houston Texans Summer Interns.

New York State ATsCare announces the appointment of their new Clinical Director, Dr. Rebecca Bertucci. Dr. Bertucci is the full-time mental health specialist within the Hofstra University Department of Athletics.

Bertuccio joins Hofstra after serving as a psychotherapist with the New View Psychology Group on Long Island. She has also worked as a psychologist and postdoctoral therapist with LifeStance Health, Inc. in Wilmington, Delaware, and as a graduate research assistant with the Clearinghouse for Military Family Readiness in University Park, Pennsylvania.

Bertuccio earned her Ph.D. in school psychology from The Pennsylvania State University in 2020 and her M.Ed. in school psychology, also from Penn State (2017). She earned her undergraduate degree in psychology, Spanish, and English from Manhattan College in 2015.

Bertuccio is a member of the American Psychological Association and is a nationally-certified school psychologist.



The NYS ATsCare Team is looking forward to working with Dr. Bertucci, pictured left, and having her expertise and knowledge to assist the team to support athletic trainers during critical incident management.

### ***Stony Brook University***

Iota Tau Alpha - Alpha Nu inducted its new members and elected board on April 23, 2024: Morgan Catalanotto (Vice President), Richard Fulcher, Sarabeth O'Hagan (Secretary & Treasurer), Harrison Summers (Historian), and Adriana Zieba-Rosa (President). Kathy Koshansky, Professor Emeritus provided inspirational words as the guest speaker. Congratulations! Lots of activities (including fundraising to attend EATA in January) have been planned for 2024- 25. (see photo below, right)

Congratulations to our class of 2024 Master of Science athletic training graduates and new ATs who graduated May 17, 2024. We are proud of their perseverance and wish them congratulations and good luck! (Pictured below left, front – Jason Bark, Raeysha Surendran, Samantha Lovizio, Prof Lisa Komnik; row 2 – Cassidy Connelly, Courtney Connelly, Jacquelyn Haft, Mackenzie Mulholland; row 3 - Prof Kathy Koshansky, Amanda Goldstein, Alexis Domingue, Owen Lucano; back - Prof Xristos Gaglias, Chun-Tao (Tom) Wu, Dylan Reilly.)







In May, Stony Brook University welcomed 10 new graduate students into our sixth master's cohort - the Class of 2026! We are excited to work with them over the next two years and prepare them to be awesome athletic (Pictured left, front row – Maya Mangual, Samantha Rutkowsky, Isabella Donin, Emma Plett; back row – Anthony Guiffre-Oliva, Jaun Lamarche, Grace McKendry, Abigale Morin, Lucas Plaia, Jason Friia.)

Congratulations to Adriana Zieba-Rosa, pictured right. Adriana is this year's NATA District 2 James Thornton Leader Scholarship winner.



### Region 1 NYC

Erica Marciano, MS, ATC, CSCS

We are hoping to do a virtual meet-up in August and then looking forward to setting up something bigger in the fall! More information to be sent out via email soon.



### Region 2

David J Byrnes, MS, ATC

NYSATA Region 2 proudly hosted the 2024 NYSATA conference in White Plains, NY, on June 14-15. The event saw an impressive turnout and featured excellent educational sessions. We extend our gratitude to the NYSATA executive council and conference committee for selecting Region 2 for this significant event.

The Section One Athletic Trainers Society (SOATS) and NYSATA Region 2 also organized a pre-conference social on the evening of June 13th at Captain Lawrence Brewery in Elmsford, NY. The gathering was attended by numerous SOATS/Region 2 athletic trainers, NYSATA leadership, and NATA D2 Director, Tanya Dargusch.



Upcoming Events: On Thursday, August 22nd, SOATS will hold their first meeting of the 2024-2025 year at Fox Lane High School from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The agenda includes developing Emergency Action Plans (EAPs) and equipment removal procedures. More information will be provided soon.



## Region 5

Jennifer Petruzzo, MS, ATC, CSCS

### Ithaca College

Several Ithaca College faculty and students presented at the NATA convention in New Orleans, Louisiana:

- Assistant Professor Yangmi Kang presented an oral presentation titled, "A single-bout transcranial direct current stimulation with proprioceptive training can enhance knee joint position sense after ACL reconstruction".
- Class of 2024 graduate Sophia Testani presented a poster presentation titled, "Depression after Sport-Related Concussion in Adolescent and Collegiate Athletes, A Partly Cloudy Forecast- A Critically Appraised Topic." Her co-authors were Salvatore Tacconelli Pinciotti and Brett Walters.
- Clinical Professor Courtney Gray presented a poster presentation titled, "Isolated Gracilis Tear in a Women's Soccer Player." Her co-authors were Bella Ruthig and Dehron Smith.

Retired Program Director Kent Scriber was asked by Dr. Doug Casa (pictured right) to present him with his Hall of Fame jacket at the induction ceremony held at NATA. Dr. Casa was racing as a youth at the Empire State games and collapsed, suffering from exertional heat stroke (EHS). Kent was the volunteering AT who responded, providing lifesaving care to cool his core temperature. Years later Dr. Casa and Kent were made aware of their connection at an NATA symposium where Dr. Casa was presenting his research on exertional heat stroke and told his personal story when competing at the Empire State games. His research developed the gold standard of care for preventing death from exertional heat stroke. Dr. Casa has spent his career advocating for prevention of sudden death in athletes and sport safety.



Mike Matheny (pictured right) has retired as head athletic trainer at Ithaca College after an amazing career there spanning 37 years. The faculty and staff want to thank him for his exceptional leadership and wish him all the best for his well-deserved retirement.



### Cornell University

Cornell announces and celebrates the retirement of Marc Chamberlain.

Marc, pictured left, was an athletic trainer with us for 29 years. In his time at Cornell, he has worked with many teams including sprint football, softball, equestrian, men's and women's polo, men's basketball, women's basketball, field hockey, football, men's and women's lacrosse, and wrestling. In his retirement, he plans to spend time with his family and travel. We will miss his humor, handywork, and centering perspective every day. We know he will enjoy this well-deserved time. Thank you, Marc!





Cornell welcomes two new hires to their staff.

Kaitlyn Petryszyn, is a native of Binghamton and did her undergrad at Cortland State and recently earned her Doctorate in Athletic Training from Indiana University. She joins us from Christian Brothers Academy in Syracuse, where she was the head athletic trainer for the past two years.

Danielle Hemly, an Ithaca native, graduated from SUNY Brockport earning her undergraduate degree in Athletic Training. She went on to get her Doctorate in Athletic Training from the University of Florida.

Welcome, Kaitlyn and Danielle!



### **Region 6**

**Phil Steckley MS, ATC, CSCS**

Please join us in congratulating Renee Davis on her remarkable achievement of forty years as a certified athletic trainer. This milestone is not only a testament to Renee's dedication but also a celebration of the countless lives she touched and positively impacted throughout her career.

Renee attended SUNY Cortland and Bowling Green State University. Her athletic training journey began when hired as the Athletic Trainer at Westchester Community College in Valhalla, NY. Next, she transitioned to Keuka College in Penn Yan, NY as Director of

Community Programs and their first Athletic Trainer.

In 1989, she was hired at Honeoye Falls-Lima Central School District as an Athletic Trainer through FF Thompson Hospitals outreach program. Renee and her husband Scott raised their three kids in Honeoye Falls, supporting them on the sidelines through their time in sports. Renee is also a grandmother of three, an avid pickle-baller, and enjoys kayaking and hiking, all while remaining a full-time Athletic Trainer at HFL.

In 1995 HFL hired her as a full-time Physical Education Teacher/Athletic Trainer making her one of the first full-time athletic trainers to be employed by a public school in Monroe County. She was a dedicated teacher for 29 years before her retirement in 2023, she continues today as the Athletic Trainer for HFL.

In addition, she currently works part-time at Sports Medicine Concepts in Avon, NY as the Continuing Education Manager and Adjunct Instructor. Sports Medicine Concepts provides elite emergency care training and prevention programs.

Renee, your commitment to the athletes you've worked with over the years is truly inspiring. You have left an incredible mark on the lives of so many, and your legacy will continue to inspire future generations of athletes and professionals in sports medicine.

As you reflect on these forty years of dedicated service, please know that your achievements have not gone unnoticed. Here's to all the early mornings, late nights, and countless practices and games you've been a part of.

Warmest congratulations again, Renee!

## Committee Reports



### Secondary Schools

Jarett Rhoads, MEd, ATC, CSCS

Craig Olejniczak, ATC

Co-Chairs



Greetings!

As we progress through the summer and prepare for the 2024-2025 school year, the NYSATA Secondary School Committee would like to send a huge **THANK YOU** for previously completing Athletic Training Locations and Services (ATLAS) Project Survey, a joint initiative of the Korey Stringer Institute (KSI), the NATA, and the NATA Secondary School Athletic Training Committee. More information about ATLAS can be found at the [KSI ATLAS Project](#), [NATA](#) and [NYSATA](#) websites.

For purposes of comparison, 53% of the secondary schools in New York state have access in some form to athletic training services. This is a 13% decrease from the 2018-2019 school year. 64% of the secondary schools in the United States have access. I think we can all agree that these percentages are much lower than we would like them to be and we

must continue pushing for better.

In order to continue moving forward and progressing towards the level of access that is needed, we must first ensure that the data is as accurate as possible.

### ATLAS NEEDS YOUR HELP:

- First, confirm your school listing here on our [state maps](#)
- If listed as **"No Survey or Needs Updating"** this means they do not have a survey for your school or you need to retake the 2024-2025 academic year survey. Please take 10 minutes of your time to complete the ATLAS survey when it becomes available in August.
  - Also, ATLAS will now consider you "Updated" if you have taken the survey within the past **2 years** from August 1, 2022 and you will be considered "Updated" through the next academic year 2024-2025 so please consider marking your calendar to retake ATLAS after August 1 of 2025.
- If you are listed as **"Updated,"** thank you, and please take a look at the surrounding schools in your league or region and help by reporting inaccuracies and encourage your fellow ATs to complete ATLAS for your state.
- If you have **changed schools** please email KSI to remove you from your old school and please indicate if your previous school still has AT services. They also ask that you take the survey for your new school.
- If you **no longer work at a high school**, please email KSI to remove you and please **indicate the name of the school you worked at and the state**. Also, if you know that your previous school still has AT services and the name or contact of the new AT that would be very helpful.

We have made many strides in the last few years raising awareness of athletic training coverage in the secondary school setting with the community, school administrators and the New York State Public High School Athletic Association. The creation of the KSI ATLAS program has been instrumental in providing reliable data to help in that cause.

I feel we have only just begun, and it is important we continue this current trajectory moving forward. I continue to be of service and assistance to my fellow Secondary School Athletic Trainers. Please do not hesitate to [contact me](#).



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Deanna Errico, PT, DPT, ATC - Chair

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